

Judge Beth M. Andrus

Judge Andrus was appointed to the King County Superior Court bench on July 29, 2010 by Governor Christine Gregoire. She assumed the position previously occupied by Hon. Paris Kallas, who retired from the bench in April of that year.

Judge Andrus started her legal career as a law clerk to federal Judge Gerald W. Heaney of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. She then practiced commercial, employment, intellectual property, and construction law in private practice for over 20 years. For the last 15 years of her practice, Judge Andrus worked with lawyers at the law firm of Skellenger Bender, where she became a partner and was elected by her colleagues to act as Managing Partner.

Judge Andrus earned her bachelor's degree in French and Speech Communications from Wayne State University and her law degree from the University of Minnesota. While in private practice, Judge Andrus was active in the community by volunteering in neighborhood free legal clinics, and working with bar associations, civil rights organizations, and construction trade groups. As a judicial officer, she has been appointed as a member of the WSBA Council on Public Defense and has served on the King County Superior Court Executive and Budget Committees.